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Manchester, N.J., 29 March 1844.

My Dear Friend

I would like to learn whether the last of living plants came to you in good order & whether they are doing well. —

I have sent you a parcel containing specimens of dried plants & a few seeds for your Botanic Garden, — with your package I have taken the liberty to forward a parcel for E. Tuckerman Esq. of Boston and a box for Prof. Kunze of Leipzig which I hope you will forward without delay for the box contains besides specimens of dried plants some seeds for The Botanic Garden of Leipzig which ought to have been on the way before now. —

For the trouble of forwarding the box & parcel & the expense of transportation to Boston you will please charge me & I will pay it in any way you may order — The box & parcel were sent to the care of Wiley & Putnam N.Y.

Could you set some young Botanists to work to obtain for me <sup>25-50</sup> sets of some of the following species of Carex viz. *C. muricata*, Linn. *C. sicca*, Swyg. *C. serratilis*, L. *C. caespitosa*, Linn. *C. maritima*, Muller. *C. scirpoides*, Michx. *C. ovata*, Nudge. *C. atata*, Linn. *C. praeceae*, Jacq. *C. tetanica*, Ehrh. *C. Carexana*, Swyg. *C. panic*, Linn. *C. urbulata*, Wahl. *C. nigra*, Willd. *C. aristata*, R. Br. *C. linearis*, Smith. *C. Greeniana*, Swyg. also any of the *Rhynchospora* genus not found here — Of any of the above list where the specific name I would like a specimen for my own herbarium as I do not possess them

What do you make of my new species of *Rhynchospora*?  
I do not hear that it has come out yet to take  
its place among the species of that interesting  
genus. Please to let me know something about  
it in due time? I have sorted my  
Grasses & Cyperaceous plants in sets but have  
not yet enough for a continuation of the  
Grass Book. There are however several spe-  
cies which I have in view & which may be  
obtained with little trouble & expense. I have  
also sets of by far the greater portion of  
the species published in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> parts  
of your Grass Book. Are there any grasses  
about Boston that could be obtained in ex-  
change for such as could be procured?

Shall I send you some living plants this  
Spring? & if you say yes what shall I send you?

I hope to make immense collections this season.  
I am now fully prepared with rooms to la-  
bor at botany night and day - I only lack  
a quantity of plant paper for drying & laying  
in plants when dried.

I am also better prepared for being more  
familiar with the plants that grow in this  
region and with the localities where many  
interesting species may be found without  
spending time in search after them.

Believe me truly yours  
R. D. Kneishan

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